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TAGS: MTN, ETRD  
SUBJECT: 7 PLUS 7 SESSION FOR NOVEMBER 7 GOVERNMENT  
PROCUREMENT SUBGROUP MEETING

1. SUMMARY: THE 7 PLUS 7 SESSION FOR UPCOMING GOVERN-  
MENT PROCUREMENT SUBGROUP MEETING FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON  
MEANS FOR PROCEEDING TOWARD DECEMBER 15 DEADLINE  
FOR TABLINN A NEGOTIATING DOCUMENT. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES  
WERE MOST INTERESTED IN PROCEDURAL ASPECTS FOR MEETING  
DECEMBER 15 DEADLINE WHEREAS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES  
CONCENTRATED THEIR COMMENTS ON SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL  
TREATMENT PROVISIONS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. END  
SUMMARY.

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2. E.C. DEL (DUGIMONT) BRIEFLY INTRODUCED EC DRAFTS  
AND INDICATED THAT THESE REPRESENT WORKING DOCUMENTS  
ON PROVISIONS WHICH CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO A GP  
CODE. HIS PRESENTATION EMPHASIZED THE EC'S INTEREST  
IN THE BILATERAL ASPECTS OF DISPUTE SETTLEMENT (I.E.,  
TRANSPARENCY) AS BEING THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF  
THEIR DRAFT. JAPANESE DEL (TERADA) INDICATED THEY WEL-

COMED THE PAPERS THAT ARE TABLED AND WOULD FULLY PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE PAPERS BEFORE THE SUBGROUP. SWISS DEL (LEMPEN) INDICATED THAT THE SWISS DRAFT ON PUBLIC INFORMATION SHOULD BE TABLED SOON AFTER THE SUBGROUP MEETING. AT THE MEETING ITSELF, SWISS DEL INTENDS TO DISCUSS CONCEPTS IN THEIR DRAFT, TO ELICIT VIEWS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS BEFORE TABLING A FINAL DRAFT.

3. U.S. DEL (SHELLEY) INDICATED THAT THE KEY CONSIDERATION AT THIS STAGE IS IN MEETING A DECEMBER 15 TARGET DATE SO THAT SUBGROUP WILL HAVE A SINGLE BASIS ON WHICH TO BEGIN SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS. U.S. MTN DEL ALSO STATED THAT WE NOW HAVE A CORE OF A POTENTIAL CODE IN THE PROVISIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN WORKED ON AND THE HOPE THAT THROUGH CONSULTATIONS WE WILL BE ABLE TO DEVELOP OTHER NECESSARY ASPECTS OF THE CODE TO ENABLE TABLING OF A NEGOTIATING DOCUMENT BY MID-DECEMBER.

4. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE MOST INTERESTED IN MEANS OF INCLUDING S&D IN A DRAFT CODE. MEXICAN DEL (DELGADO) STATED THAT FROM THEIR DELEGATION'S VIEWPOINT, THEY WOULD LIKE IN A CODE A GENERAL PROVISION SAYING THAT GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT IS AN APPROPRIATE METHOD FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND, IN PARTICULAR, FOR INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION. DELGADO ENVISAGES THIS FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AS A MEANS TO PROVIDE THE KIND OF S&D LDCS WANT BUT WITH-

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OUT REQUIRING DCS TO ACCEPT A DEFINITION OF NON-DISCRIMINATION THAT AMOUNTS TO DISCRIMINATION. INDIAN DEL (KUMAR) WAS MOST INTERESTED IN THE PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF HOW S&D PROVISIONS WILL BE INCLUDED IN A NEGOTIATING DOCUMENT, I.E., WHETHER THEY WILL BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF A PAPER TABLED IN DECEMBER, OR WOULD BE ADDED LATER. HIS CONCERN WAS THAT TO BE EFFECTIVE, SUCH PROVISIONS SHOULD BE INCLUDED WHEN THE PAPER IS TABLED. MALAYSIAN DEL (FONG) WAS THE MOST OUTSPOKEN OF LDCS AND INDICATED THAT IN HIS VIEW, PRIOR TO DISCUSSING WHETHER A DOCUMENT CAN BE TABLED ON DECEMBER 15, THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MUST FIRST ANSWER THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THEY ARE GOING TO LIVE UP TO THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE TOKYO DECLARATION TO INCREASE MARKETS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT. HE SEES THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT EXERCISE AS ONE OF THE MOST DIRECT MEANS FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO GIVE S&D TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. TO HIM THE TARGET DATES OF DECEMBER 15 ARE LESS IMPORTANT THAN THE GENERAL ANSWERS TO HIS QUESTION.

5. SECRETARIAT (MATHUR) NOTED THE SHORTNESS OF TIME BETWEEN THE NOVEMBER 7 MEETING AND THE DECEMBER 15 DEAD-

LINE. HE THEREFORE INDICATED THAT IF DELEGATIONS ARE TO TABLE PROPOSALS WHICH COULD BE INCLUDED IN A NEGOTIATING DRAFT, THEY SHOULD BE WORKED OUT NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 10. HE WOULD ENVISAGE, THEREFORE, HAVING ANOTHER SUBGROUP MEETING SOMETIME BETWEEN DECEMBER 10 AND 15 FOR THE PURPOSES OF ASSEMBLING VARIOUS PROPOSALS INTO A NEGOTIATING DOCUMENT.

6. COMMENT: WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FONG, ALL DELS AT THE MEETING WERE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROGRESS ON DRAFTING BUT WERE NOT FORTHCOMING ON IDEAS FOR NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN DRAFTING PROCESS. DELS GENERALLY FELT THAT AN INFORMAL MEETING WEEK OF SUBGROUP MEETING MIGHT BE USEFUL IN THIS CONTEXT. END COMMENT.  
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